

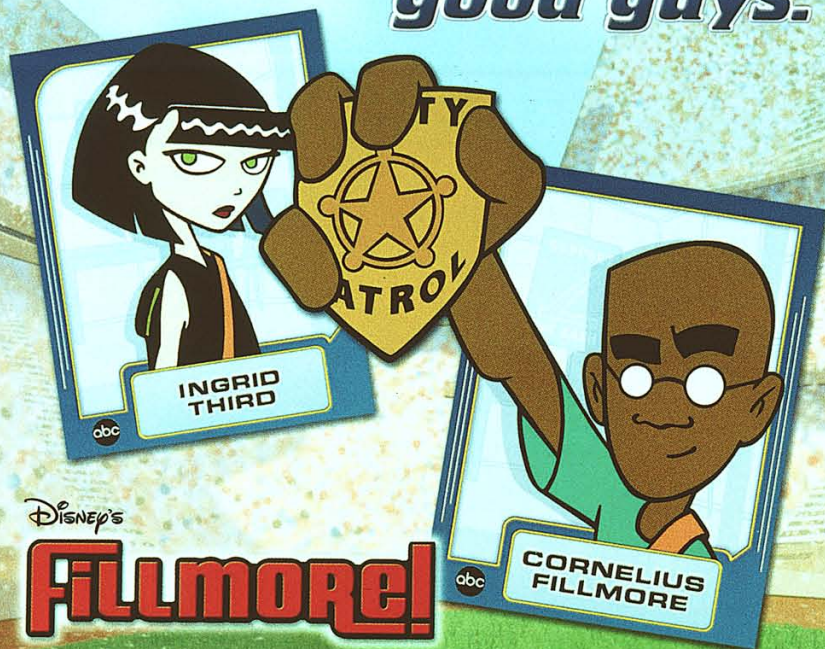
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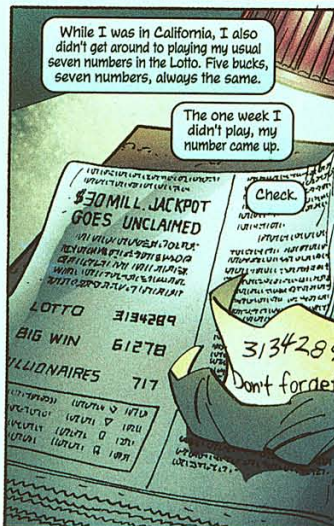
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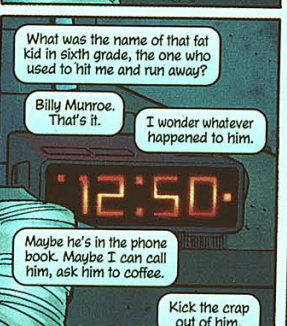
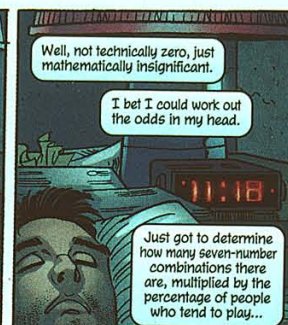
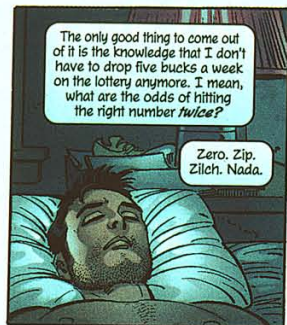
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work, shall we?



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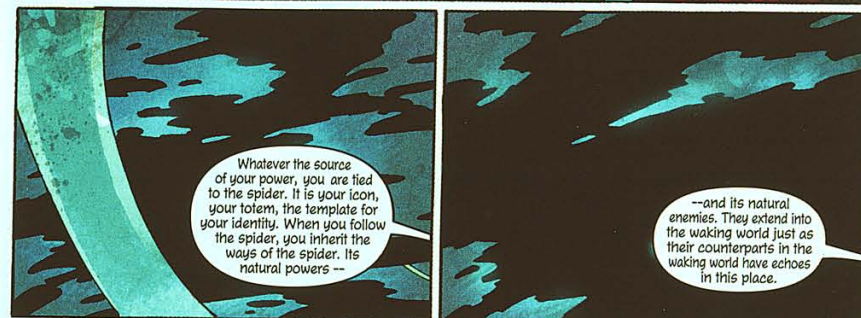
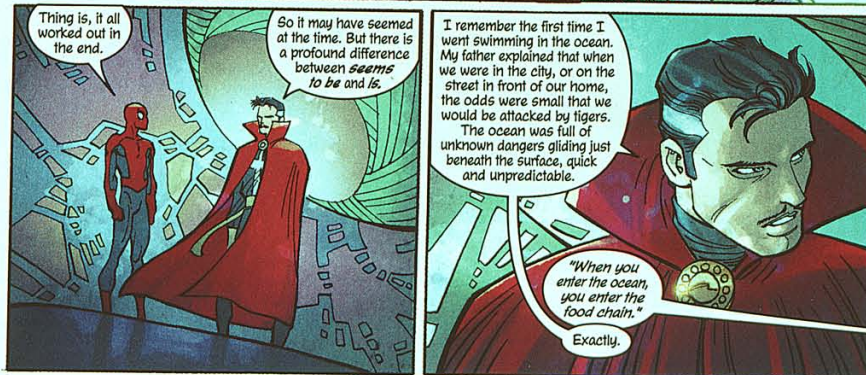
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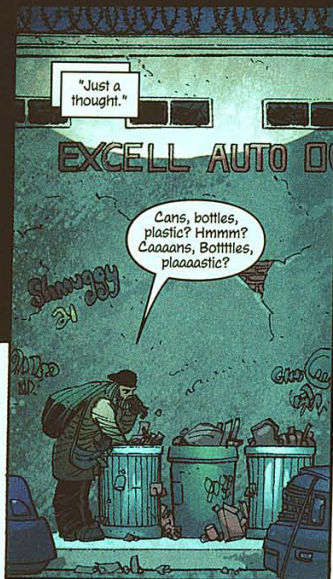
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Hey,
God? It's Peter
again.

"Listen, not that I'm complaining
or anything, but next incarnation,
just for a change of pace, you think
you could have me get bitten by a
radioactive Jennifer Lopez?"



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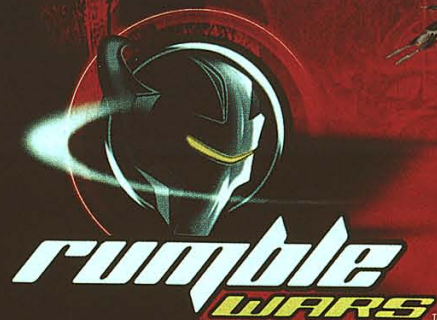
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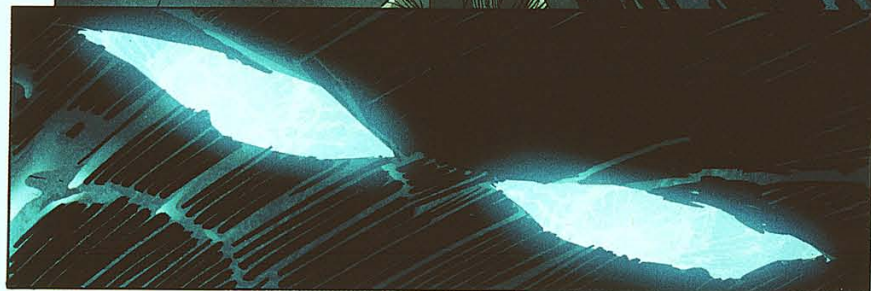
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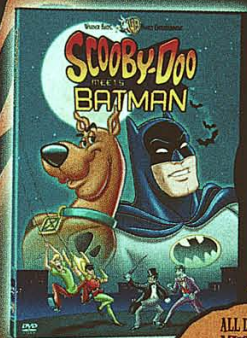
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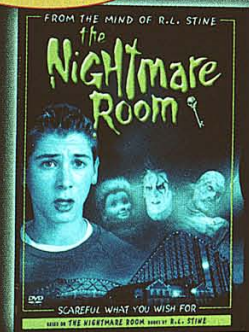


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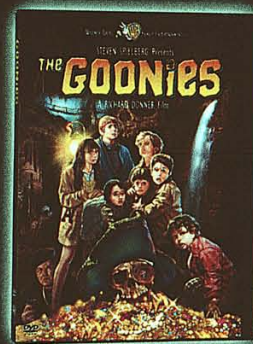
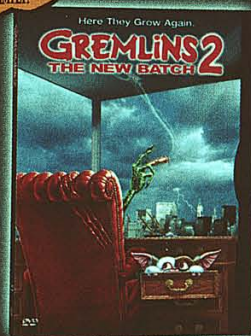
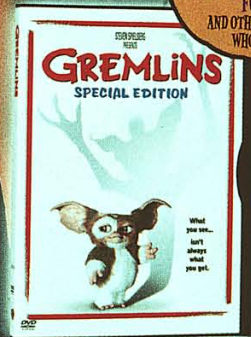
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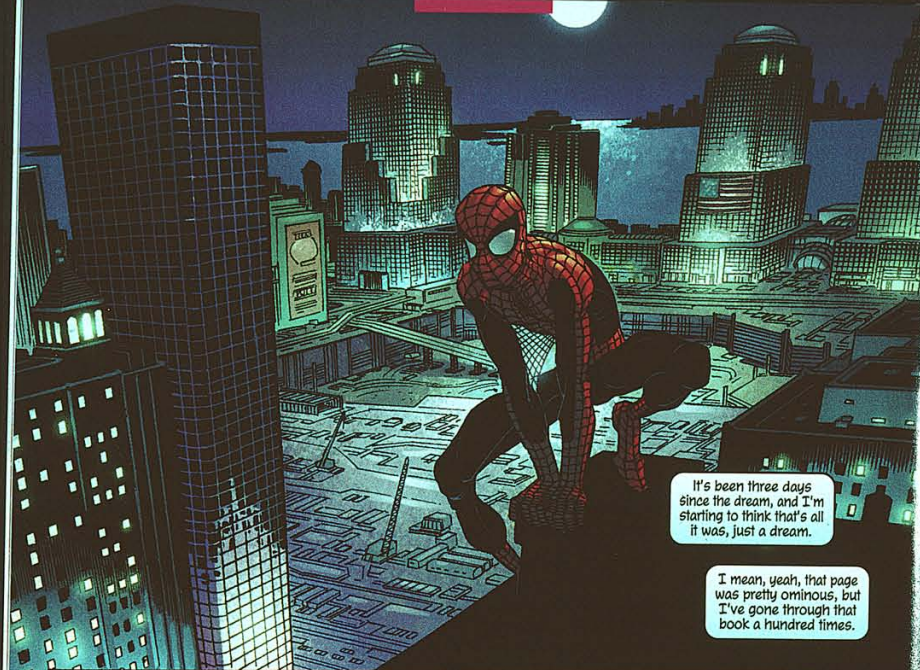
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It's been three days since the dream, and I'm starting to think that's all it was, just a dream.

I mean, yeah, that page was pretty ominous, but I've gone through that book a hundred times.

It's altogether possible that my subconscious remembered the page number and the photo. I've had a lot of free-floating anxiety lately, and my imagination may have been looking for something to give form to that anxiety.

Listen to me, I'm starting to sound like a shrink. Say, now that's an idea. Peter Parker, Psychotherapist to Super-Arch-Villains.

"So, Doctor Doom, do you think that your name may have had something to do with your depressive personality, or did you have a --"



What the --

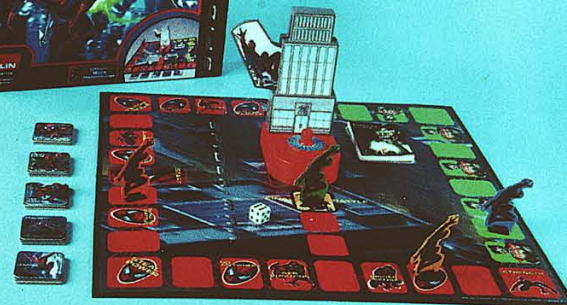
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--a guy...

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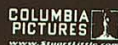
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Little one.
Little spider.

So far from home. So far from your mother.

Shathra smelled you on the other side. Followed the scent across the darkness.

Little one.
Little spider.



Look, I know why you're here, but there's no reason for us to fight. I don't buy into this whole "natural enemies" thing... people have choices, they have free will --

Shathra not people.

Okay, well, yeah, there is that --

Shathra not fight.

There, you see? It's --



To fight needs two of equal power.

With you, Shathra play. Until she is bored.

Then Shathra gives you to her children.



Sorry, not interested.



I've got places to go, things to do, credit cards to overcharge --



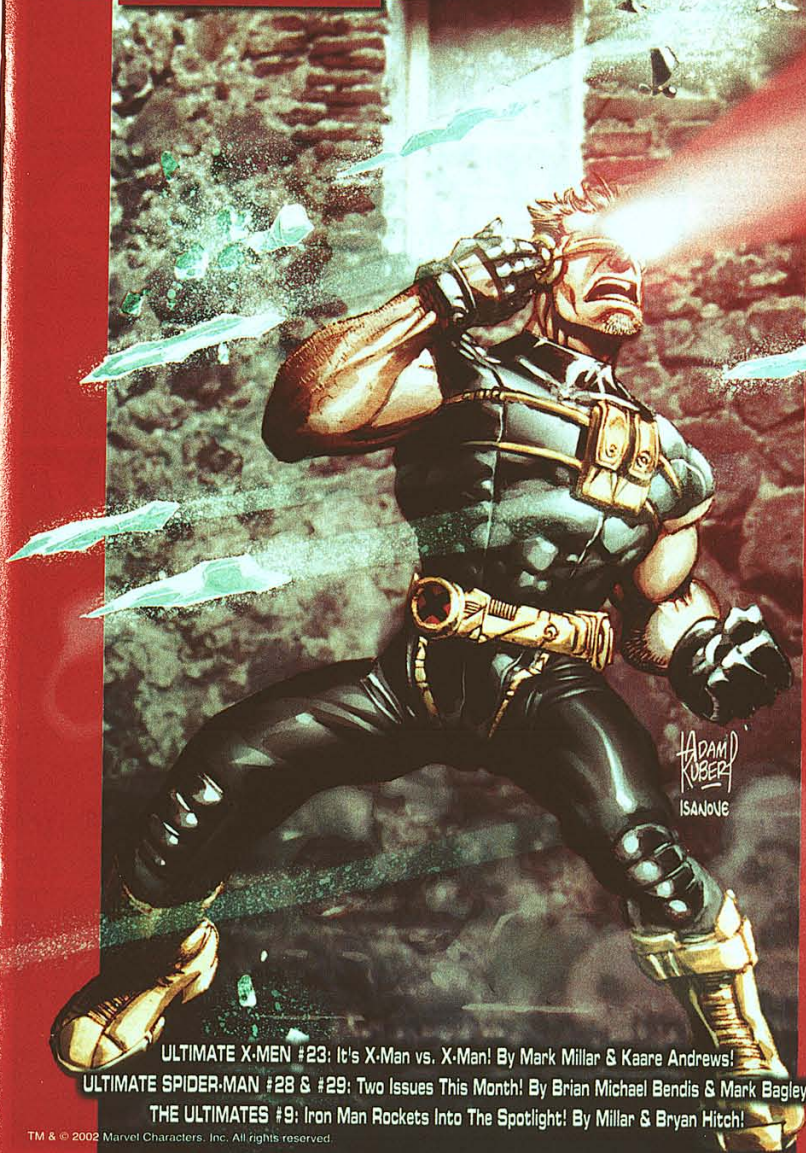
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All my life, I've had a thing about hitting women. I won't do it. Even with a baddie. Unless I'm totally up against the wall.



Then as she moves again, impossibly fast, I remind myself that she's *not* human... and that unless I end this fast and hard, against the wall is exactly where I'll end up.

You know what your problem is? I wear a spider costume because it's a nod to where the power came from.

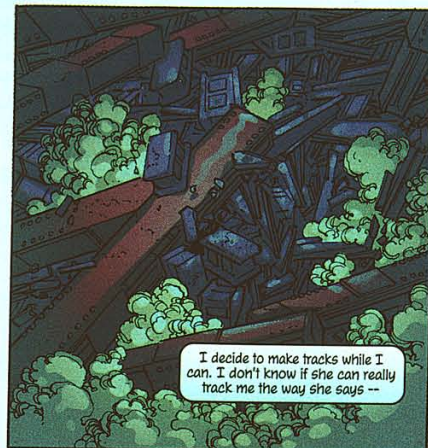


It's a role. But there's a difference between wearing the colors and *playing* the part --

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--and letting yourself get *buried* in the part.



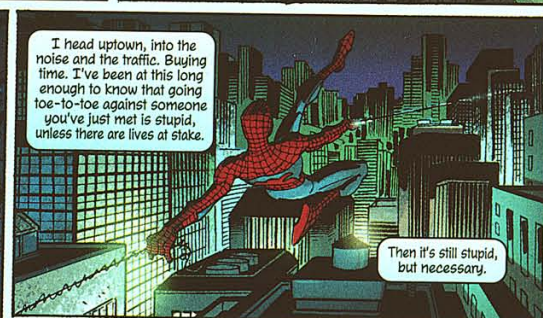
I decide to make tracks while I can. I don't know if she can really track me the way she says --



--but it's worth testing the hypothesis, just in case.



...play...



I head uptown, into the noise and the traffic. Buying time. I've been at this long enough to know that going toe-to-toe against someone you've just met is stupid, unless there are lives at stake.

Then it's still stupid, but necessary.

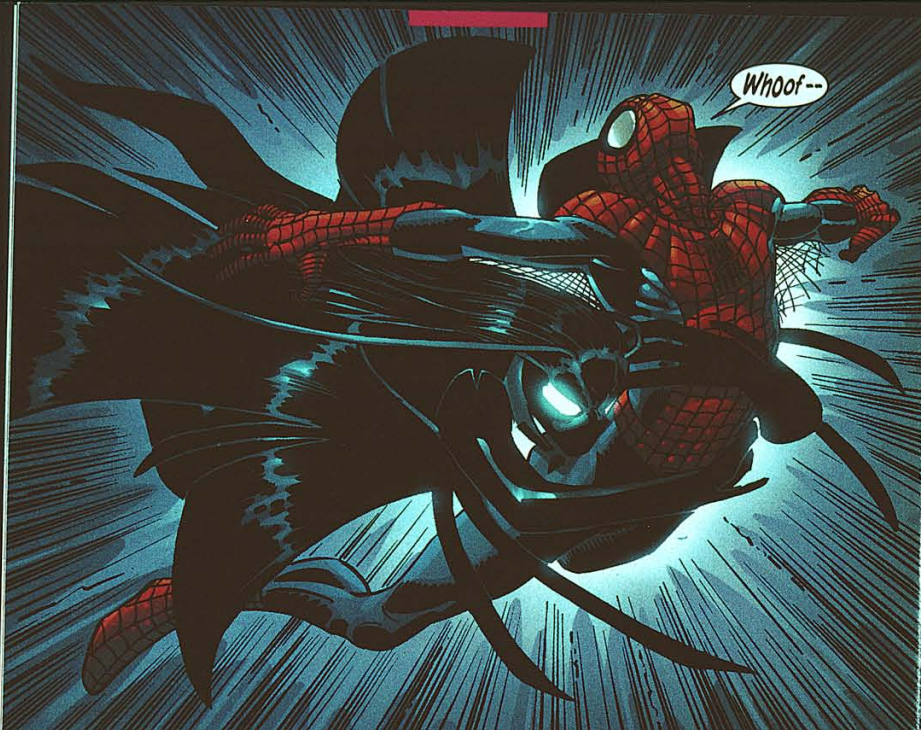


Need to get a sense of what her abilities are, how fast she can --



Oh. *That* fast.

Nuts.



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Oh, man, that one hurt... this is such a --



Come on... could *someone* cut me just a *little* slack here?



Yeah, fine, up yours too, buddy.

On the other hand, maybe it's a good thing --



--because *now* I'm pissed.



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Okay, you want this, let's do it. But we'll do it *my* way.



Welcome to the subway system. Welcome to New York. Welcome to *my* town.



Hey! Yo! You gotta pay!

Sorry, all my change is in my other pair of pants.



Coming through!



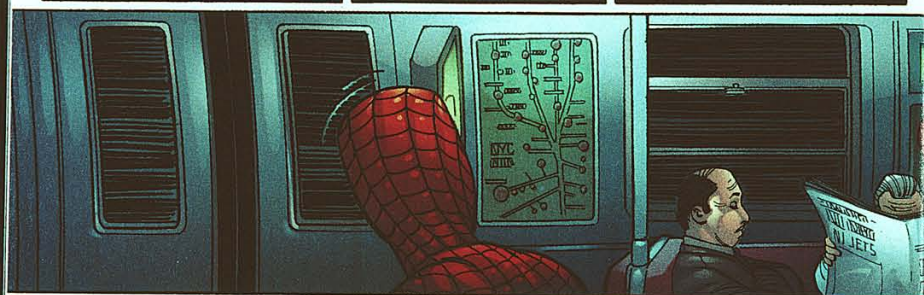
Made it! Now if only she --



Perfect.

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Uncle Ben told me that with great power comes great responsibility.

But what comes with great responsibility?

Other than the need for the world's longest nap right about now.



She's the wasp to my spider. But am I really a spider? I know I've got the wardrobe, I've got the look, I've got the powers --

But am I *really* one of you?

And is that really such a swell thing, to be a spider? Because nobody even *likes* spiders.

Well, sure, there was Renfield, but he doesn't count.



I always took that part of my life for granted, 'cause it was a cool style, a look guaranteed to strike terror into crooks, because they are a cowardly and --

--whatever --

Point is, I never went too deep into the whole spider thing.



Never went much further than the name. But lately the spider part of me seems to be drawing a lot of attention from outside forces. Ezekiel. Morlun. Now Shalira.

I think... that I need to do some more thinking.



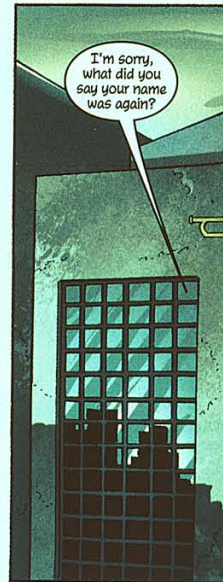
So if you're listening, "Mom," you've got some serious explaining to do here!



I just wish I knew what she was up to, right now. Because I don't think I'm going to like it much.



New kind of play now... new kind of play...



I'm sorry, what did you say your name was again?



Sha -- that is, Sharon.

And you say you know Spider-Man?

Yes.



We were lovers.

He has many strange sexual habits.

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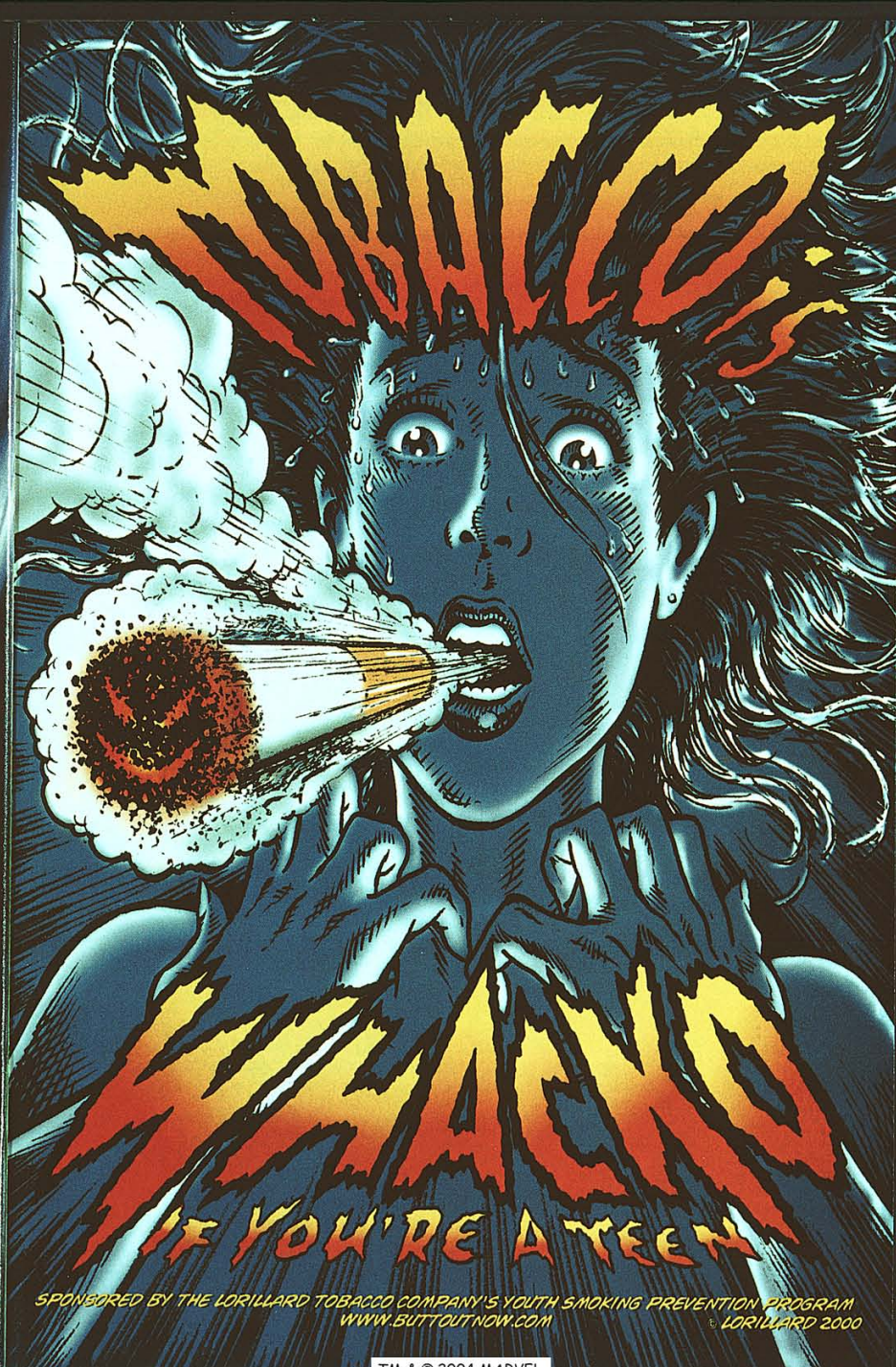
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